

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 332
By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to honor Evelyn Blythe on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Blythe is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 26 years with Community Developmental Services; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Blythe exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Evelyn Blythe received her bachelor of science degree from Tennessee Technological University and has continued her education at the University of Tennessee at Martin throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, she began her meritorious career with Community Developmental Services in 1971 when she began seeking service provisions for handicapped children; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Blythe has played an instrumental part in providing greater opportunities for mentally retarded and developmentally challenged persons in northwest Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves with acumen and alacrity as the Executive Director of Community Developmental Services; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn is an active and vital part of the community and her profession, and participates in numerous civic organizations, including the Community Mental Retardation Agencies of Tennessee, which she has astutely served as president, secretary and chairman of the governmental affairs committee; she is also a valuable member of the American Association on Mental Retardation, as well as a volunteer advocate for EACH (Effective Advocacy for Citizens with Handicaps); and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blythe also takes time from a very busy schedule to serve as a member of the Martin Lions Club, the Martin Business and Professional Women's Club, the American Association of University Women, Obion County Association for Retarded Citizens and the Weakley County Association for Handicapped Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Blythe has been the deserving recipient of several awards and accolades, including the 1989 Woodmen of the World's Outstanding Citizen of the Year, the Community Service Award from the Tennessee Medical Association in 1990 and the "Pride of Tennessee" Award from the people of Weakley County for her loyalty and service to others; and

WHEREAS, her countless accomplishments aside, Evelyn Blythe is most appreciative of the love she shares with her husband of thirty-nine years, Ernie, and their two sons, Lane and Roger; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Blythe's many adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Evelyn Blythe our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and much continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.